

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO GENERATION-SKIPPING TRANSFERS.—The amendment made by subsection (b)(2) shall apply to generation-skipping transfers after December 31, 2010.

SEC. 304. APPLICATION OF EGTRRA SUNSET TO THIS TITLE.

Section 901 of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 shall apply to the amendments made by this title.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING RANDY SMITH

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I rise today to draw attention to the life and legacy of a good friend of mine, who sadly lost his battle with cancer. Randy Smith, the longtime executive director of the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce, died on November 19, 2010, at the age of 52 years old. For almost 17 years, Randy led the chamber and the entire community toward a stronger, fast-growing future. More than promoting the local businesses in the area, Randy dedicated his professional life to advancing the untapped potential and unique splendor of his community. He had the skills, personality, and intelligence to accomplish nearly everything he undertook—from creating some of the best civic events and festivals in the Commonwealth, to building a stronger chamber membership at a time when many small businesses are struggling.

There is no doubt that Randy's good humor will be deeply missed by all who knew him. But let there also be no doubt that Randy's record of accomplishment and legacy in Laurel County will never fade. The tenacity with which he fought his cancer for more than a year displayed the same trademark character that I have seen in him during our friendship of over a decade. No matter the issue, Randy Smith could be counted on to handle the challenge with the utmost integrity.

It is with a saddened heart that I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the life and accomplishments of one of the Commonwealth's true unsung heroes. I would further ask that my colleagues join me in expressing our deepest sympathies to his wife Kim and their children Logan, Cameron, and Brianna. I would also like to share my sympathies with Randy's parents, Earl and Rosie Smith, as well as his brothers and sister, Phil and Eddie Smith and Sharon Benge.

The Sentinel Echo recently published a story remembering the life of Randy Smith and I ask unanimous consent that the text of that article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD as follows:

[From the Sentinel Echo, Dec. 3, 2010]

RANDY SMITH LOSES BATTLE WITH CANCER

(By Nita Johnson/Staff Writer)

LAUREL COUNTY, Ky.—Long-time London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Randy Smith lost his battle with cancer Friday morning, leaving a legacy of dedication to his community.

Ironically, Smith died the day of the 2010 Christmas on Main events—a celebration he was instrumental in starting in 1994, the first year he was named the Chamber's executive director.

According to his brother Phil, Smith died just after noon on Friday. He had been undergoing treatment for cancer at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas in Houston since Nov. 2.

"There was a medical team there waiting for him to undergo radiation three days after we got here," Phil Smith said. "The treatments were to be completed Nov. 18 and Randy did OK. He was getting around on a walker, went outside and was doing well."

But on Nov. 17, things took a turn for the worse.

"Randy had a lung biopsy on Nov. 17 and it was very challenging to him physically," Phil added. "We were going to come home on Nov. 18, with our reservations to fly out at 2:20 p.m. Randy was ready to roll but around lunchtime he started having some shortness of breath. By that afternoon he was in ICU (Intensive Care Unit) and diagnosed with aspiration pneumonia. He was really struggling. He spent two weeks and a day in ICU but his cancer was advanced and with the pneumonia and becoming septic while in ICU, it was more than his body could handle."

Randy Smith's wife, Kim, children, parents, two brothers and their families were with him on Friday. Most of them had been there since Thanksgiving.

Randy Smith began having health complications in the spring of 2009. In August 2009 he was diagnosed with lung cancer and later on, with bone cancer. But his fighting spirit prevailed throughout his illness—a trait that Phil Smith said enabled his brother to fight the disease as long as he did.

"Randy was a battler with his condition. He's always been competitive and up for a challenge," Phil said. "I guess he saw the finish line God offered more rewarding than the finish line here."

His competitiveness is what many attribute to Smith's success with the Chamber of Commerce, said Holbert Hodges, who was president of the Chamber when Smith became a board member.

"I asked Randy to become a director and that's how he became involved with the Chamber, as a board member/director," Hodges said. "He was the heart and soul of the Chamber. He did a lot of things for this community and for people, a lot that he didn't want people to know about. He was dedicated, a hard worker, a good family man. When help was needed, Randy was always the first in line. He had all the traits necessary to represent the Chamber and was the steady force behind its success."

Hodges said hearing of Smith's passing caused many memories to surface.

"I'm just sitting here having memories of Randy," Hodges said from his office on Friday afternoon. "We worked together through many good and bad times and he was the steady force. His energy level amazed me. He's going to be missed."

Hodges said Smith was the driving force behind the annual Christmas on Main celebration.

"We wanted it to be more than just a parade and we came up with the idea to set up bleachers in front of the courthouse for cho-

rus and choirs and to involve the schools and churches," Hodges said. "We wanted it so kids and grandparents and parents and aunts and uncles could come out. It was very successful."

Under Smith's leadership, the Chamber of Commerce sponsored many other events. The annual Red, White and Boom Independence Day celebration was instituted under Smith's helm at the Chamber. The annual Chamber banquet, which honored a local teacher from the elementary, middle and high school levels along with local business people, received great acclaim.

The Chamber also sponsored job fairs, career fairs, and most recently, the "Women in Business" awards. Though some of those programs have changed or are now under management by the Chamber's Ambassador Club and the London Downtown organization, Smith was the man who pushed these events to success.

Willie Sawyers, Sentinel-Echo publisher and Chamber of Commerce board member, knew Smith since elementary school and worked on various committees involved with the Chamber of Commerce.

"Randy and I are the same age. We went to school together, played basketball for many years and served on the Chamber together," Sawyers said. "We had a lot of personal conversations about dreams and goals for our community. I will greatly miss those conversations with him."

"Many of the good things happening right now in London and Laurel County are directly attributable to Randy's dedication and enthusiasm."

This sentiment was seconded by London City Mayor Troy Rudder, who tearfully praised Smith and his contributions to the city and county.

"We are extremely sad for the loss of Randy," Rudder said. "He has been very influential in the growth and prosperity of this city. Randy was one who was always willing to work or volunteer. When it came to this community, Randy was always the first one in line."

"My heart goes out to his family and this city is deeply saddened," he added.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, and will be announced later.

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I rise today to honor the remarkable accomplishments of the University of Louisville men's soccer team. Led by their coach, Ken Lolla, these young student athletes made it to the championship game of the NCAA Division I tournament. In a close competition against the University of Akron they suffered their first defeat by one goal as the score was one to zero. This team spent most of the season ranked number one over the rest of their opponents. Becoming NCAA men's soccer runners-up is an accomplishment that has brought a lot of positive energy to the university as well as the entire city of Louisville. The team has made their university, city, Commonwealth and this Senator very proud. The Louisville Courier-Journal recently published an article describing the team's accomplishments. I ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD as follows: